

Act No. M-1 (H.15). Municipal charters; Town of Colchester; amendments

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester

This act makes miscellaneous amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester. Aside from amendments that are technical or stylistic in nature, this act includes the following substantive amendments:

- Allowing the Selectboard to provide monetary penalties or injunctive relief for breaches of Town ordinances and providing that prosecution of ordinance violations be through Town legal counsel, rather than the Town Grand Juror;
- Permitting the Selectboard to publish a concise summary of a proposed ordinance, but requiring the full text to be available at an ordinance hearing;
- Eliminating the elected Office of Cemetery Commissioner and requiring the Selectboard to appoint a Cemetery Advisory Committee to advise and assist the Town Manager in the operation and management of Town cemeteries;
- Eliminating the appointed positions of Fence Viewer, Fire Warden, Town Attorney, Tax Collector, and Constable, and permitting the Selectboard to appoint legal counsel and a Tree Warden, if necessary;
- Allowing the Selectboard to set a time for the Annual Meeting in consultation with the Colchester School District;
- Eliminating the bond requirement for the Town Manager; and
- Revising the penalty for unpaid taxes and adding an interest charge for such taxes.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on January 27, 2015